ITEM 12

AFFIDAVIT OF LINDA KAY STERMER

NOW COMES Linda Kay Stermer, and being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I am the defendant in People v Stermer, Van Buren County Circuit Court No. 2009-16654-FC.
- 2. In preparing for my jury trial in this matter, I had conversations with my trial counsel, Jeffrey S. Getting, about retaining a defense expert in fire science (arson) to review the prosecution's evidence on that topic and to potentially testify at my trial. Attorney Getting was told that funds were available to do so. To my best knowledge and belief, attorney Getting never retained a defense expert. As of this date, I do not know why no defense expert was retained.
- 3. In preparing for my jury trial in this matter, I had conversations with my trial counsel, Jeffrey S. Getting, about obtaining building permits to show that our home was in the process of being constructed. I do not know why those were not used at trial.

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